

IC 31-25-5

Chapter 5. Cooperation With Department of Child Services
Ombudsman

IC 31-25-5-1

"Ombudsman"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "ombudsman" refers to the office of the department of child services ombudsman established within the Indiana department of administration by IC 4-13-19-3. The term includes an employee of the office of the department of child services ombudsman or an individual approved by the office of the department of child services ombudsman to receive, investigate, and resolve complaints that allege the department, by an action or omission, failed to protect the physical or mental health or safety of any child or failed to follow specific laws, rules, or written policies. *As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.373.*

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Ombudsman access to records and facilities

Sec. 2. The department and the juvenile court with jurisdiction over a child shall provide the ombudsman with:

- (1) appropriate access to all records of the department concerning the child, excluding adoption records, but including all records of the department related to vendors and contractors; and
- (2) immediate access, without prior notice, to any facility in which the child is placed or is receiving services funded by the department.

As added by P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.373.